

4-13-17

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chamber president Marilyn Young Skogland.

Members present: Jim Mabbot, Jennifer Engkraf, Marilyn Young Skogland, Susie Barker, Mike Vorse, Nancy Chennault, Carey Mackey, Marti Boshart, Theresa Berglund, Christy Cochran, Jon Cox, Georgia Cox, Debbie _____, Julia Collins, Michael Wilson, Wayne Lunday, Aaron Lunday, Bill Fashing, Pam Whittle, Stephanie Sudar, Amy Tibbets, Dianne Swanson

Marilyn introduced Aaron Lunday of High Cascades Insurance as the new Board Director for the Chamber.

Marti Boshart, Friends of the Castle Rock Fair, said that they need volunteers to help run the Carnival Games. The shifts are 3 hours and it is lots of fun. Please contact Marti ASAP at 274-4320 to sign up for a shift.

Nancy Chennault shared that the America in Bloom judges will be here July 19th through the 22nd to provide evaluations, etc. Also there is a Blooms fundraiser on May 6th at Touch of Wheatlands from 10-2. It is a Summer Baskets and Planters class.

Be sure to check out the new Farmer's Market at Touch of Wheatlands parking lot on Saturday, May 6th.

Wayne Lunday shared that the Kelso/Longview Kiwanis Club will be hosting their annual "Got Talent" show at the Columbia Theater on April 23rd.

Dianne Swanson, CR CARE Coalition, shared that there will be a Prescription Drug take back on April 29th at the Senior Center from 9:00 a.m. to noon. They will also be providing free gun locks and medication lock boxes.

Carey Mackey, Red Canoe Credit Union, mentioned that April is Financial Literacy Month. There are lots of drawings and promotions going on, as well as a "Build Your Credit" class for young adults.

Christy from Mt. St. Helens Institute said that the Mountain opens on May 13th for another season!

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the previous meeting were sent in the reminder email from Carey Mackey.

Treasurer's Report: Scholarship Fund is at \$735. Needs to be \$1000 in order to provide for 2 \$500 scholarships in June. Susie will donate enough to get it up to \$800 and there will be a raffle to hopefully raise the rest.

New Member Report: No new members to report

Marilyn introduced Julia Collins, teacher at Castle Rock High School. Julia teaches Agriculture and is in charge of the CTE program. She talked about the field trip the Greenhouse Management students took. She is also looking to put together a General Advisory Board for CTE comprised of local business people that could advise the faculty about real world skills for the students and what the curriculum should look like. She's looking for people from agriculture, trades, business, etc to make up the board. Contact Julia if you are interested or would like more information (JCollins@crschools.org)

The school is also looking at starting a Skills Center for vocations and trades (like Running Start but for trade industries). There is no Skills Center for students between Tumwater and Vancouver.

Michael Wilson, school counselor, shared that she would like to begin mock job interviews with the junior class so they can get experience in job interview skills.

Update on Visitor Center Task Force: They are now in the process of gathering business information and signatures pro/con relative to a city B&O tax. Next step is taking info to City Council.

The Castle Rock Visitor Center has hired a new employee, Leslie Pogue. The hours will remain Tuesday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Lots of help is needed for CR Clean Up day coming up on April 29th. Please contact Carolyn for projects.

A raffle was held to get the scholarship fund up to \$1000. Amy from Rusty's Resale also donated a \$50 gift card for the cause. The money was raised and the Scholarship Committee will choose 2 candidates in May.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 a.m.